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SUBJ: SHABA INCURSION: PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION TO LUSAKA

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1. AMCIT MISSIONARY PILOTS EVACUATED U.S. CITIZENS FROM SAKEJI YESTERDAY, MAY 19. THIS LEAVES ONE AMCIT AT IKELENGE, FIVE AT MWINILUNGA, AND THREE AT SOLWEZI ON THE ZAMBIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER WITH ZAIRE NEAREST TO THE FIGHTING. OF THESE REMAINING, EMBASSY BELIEVES PERSON IN IKELENGE, A MISSIONARY WITH CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS, FACES GREATEST DANGER FROM RETREATING REBEL FORCES.

2. PILOTS WHO CONDUCTED EVACUATION WERE REQUESTED BY EMBASSY TO ALERT AMERICAN AT IKELENGE TO POSSIBLE DANGER SO THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COULD HAVE THE OPTION OF JOINING THE EVACUATION OF SAKEJI.

3. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED IN KOLWEZI, REFTTEL C, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AMERICANS MAY BE LISTED AMONG THE DEAD.

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IF THERE ARE AMERICAN DEAD AND THEIR BODIES ARE BROUGHT TO LUSAKA ALONG WITH THOSE OF OTHER NATIONALS IT IS CERTAIN THAT NEITHER THE LOCAL MORGUE OR FUNERAL PARLORS WILL BE UP TO THE TASK EITHER IN TERMS OF COFFINS AVAILABLE, SPEED OF CREMATION OR IN STORAGE OF BODIES. EMBASSY LACKS OWN COFFINS OR BODY GABS BUT CAN USE WAREHOUSE AS TEMPORARY MORGUE.

4. SHOULD ANY AMERICAN DEAD BE BROUGHT TO LUSAKA SUGGEST
THAT EMBASSY FOREGO USUAL METHOD OF NOTIFYING NOK AND THAT
DEPARTMENT DO SO INSTEAD EMPHASIZING ADVISIBILITY OF SIMPLY
INTERING REMAINS LOCALLY OR CREMATING LOCALLY WITH CREMAINS
TO BE SHIPPED TO U.S. FUNERAL HOME. PLEASE ADVISE.
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